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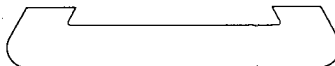
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**SS-X-25 RELATED ACTIVITY  
PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 23, USSR (SWN)**

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE SS-X-25 LAUNCHED [REDACTED] PROBABLY  
ORIGINATED FROM PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE (LTS) 23,  
HOWEVER, THE LAUNCH MODE IS UNDETERMINED. (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: THE FIFTH LAUNCH OF AN SS-X-25 FROM PLESETSK  
MISSILE/SPACE TEST CENTER SSM [REDACTED] PROBABLY FROM  
PLESETSK ICBM LTS 23, WAS REPORTED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE FROM  
IMAGERY IF THE LAUNCH OCCURRED FROM THE SILO, THE SILO APRON,  
OR THE [REDACTED] SINGLE-BAY GARAGE (SBG). IT ALSO WAS NOT  
POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE LAUNCH MODE FOR THE FOURTH SS-X-25  
LAUNCHED FROM LTS 23 [REDACTED] THE FIRST THREE SS-X-25  
LAUNCHES WERE FROM THE SILO AT LTS 23. (SWN)

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[REDACTED] USAF GLOBAL WEATHER SERVICE REPORTED  
THAT A LIGHT SNOW (ABOUT THREE CENTIMETERS) HAD FALLEN SINCE  
[REDACTED]. NO DIRECT EVIDENCE OF THE  
LAUNCH -- A BURN MARK OR BLAST EFFECTS -- WAS IDENTIFIED  
ONSITE. THE SILO DOOR WAS CLOSED, TWO SUPPORT VEHICLES (A  
MAZ-543 CARGO TRUCK AND A TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANE) WERE ON THE SILO  
APRON, AND MODERATE TRACK ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED BETWEEN THE  
SOUTH END OF THE SBG AND THE SILO TURNAROUND APRON. NO  
PRELAUNCH IMAGERY WAS ACQUIRED DURING THE WEEK BEFORE THE  
LAUNCH. (SWN)

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THE LACK OF DIRECT IMINT EVIDENCE OF A LAUNCH [REDACTED] IS  
SIMILAR TO THE LACK OF EVIDENCE OBSERVED [REDACTED] IMAGERY  
AFTER THE FOURTH SS-X-25 LAUNCH FROM LTS 23. HOWEVER,  
PRELAUNCH IMAGERY WAS ACQUIRED [REDACTED] THAT DID SHOW  
ACTIVITY THAT APPARENTLY WAS NOT SILO RELATED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CANVAS/NET-COVERED UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT WAS ON THE  
APRON NEXT TO THE SBG AND POSITIONED ON ALIGNMENT MARKS WHICH  
HAVE BEEN PRESENT [REDACTED] IN ADDITION, A  
SUPPORT VEHICLE (MAZ-543 CARGO TRUCK) WAS ON THE SILO

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TURNAROUND APRON. THE CANVAS/NET WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO COVER A MOBILE MISSILE TRANSPORTER-ERECTOR-LAUNCHER (TEL) AND POSSIBLY OTHER VEHICLES AS WELL. THE LTS 23 SILO WAS OPEN AND APPEARED EMPTY AND NO ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE SBG. ON POSTLAUNCH IMAGERY [REDACTED] THE CANVAS/NET-COVERED UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT WAS NO LONGER PRESENT AND THE ALIGNMENT MARKS ON WHICH THE EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN POSITIONED WERE VISIBLE. THE SILOS AT LTS 23 AND COLLOCATED PLESETSK ICBM LTS 24 (BE [REDACTED] WERE OPEN AND APPEARED EMPTY. NO ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE SBG. (SWN)

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[REDACTED] THE CANISTER/CAPSULE TRANSPORTER AND SILO LOADER WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SS-X-25 WERE PARKED AT PLESETSK ICBM LTS 14 [REDACTED], WHICH IS AN SS-X-24 ICBM ASSOCIATED LTS. THIS EQUIPMENT WAS INITIALLY OBSERVED AT LTS 14 [REDACTED] NO LAUNCH-RELATED ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT EITHER LTS 14 OR PLESETSK ICBM LTS 21 [REDACTED] (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 63-00-28N 041-32-50E (S)

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